

it as well require a man to wear still the coat which fitted when a boy, as civilized society to remain ever under the nen of their barbarous ancestors. It is this preposterous which has lately deluged Europe in blood. Their mon-3, instead of wisely yielding to the gradual change of circumstances, of favoring progressive accommodation to pro-jive improvement, have clung to old abuses, entrenched iselves behind steady habits, and obliged their subjects to through blood and violence rash and ruinous innovations, h, had they been referred to the peaceful deliberations and cted wisdom of the nation, would have been put into accept-and salutary form. Let us follow no such examples, nor cly believe that one generation is not as capable as another king care of itself, and of ordering its own affairs. Let us, .ir sister States have done, avail ourselves of our reason and irience, to correct the crude essays of our first and unex-ined, although wise, virtuous, and well-meaning councils, lastly, let us provide in our Constitution for its revision at :d periods. \What these periods should be, nature herself zates. By the European tables of mortality, of the adults g at any one moment of time, a majority will be dead in it nineteen years. At the end of that period then a new Diity is come into place; or, in other words, a new gener-i. Each generation is as independent of the one preceding, lat was of all which had gone before. It has, then, like them, jht to choose for itself the form of government it believes t promotive of its own happiness; consequently, to accom-late to the circumstances in which it finds

itself, that received i its  
predecessors; and it is for the  
peace and good of man-l, that a  
solemn opportunity of doing this  
every nineteen or ity years, should  
be provided by the Constitution; so  
that it • be handed on, with  
periodical repairs, from generation,  
to eration, to generation, to the end  
of time, if anything human endure  
so long. It is now forty years  
since, the Constitution Irginia was  
formed. The same tables inform  
us, that, within : period, two-thirds  
of the adults then living are now  
dead, /•e then the remaining third,  
even if they had the wish, the